

Competition

On Sat, Nov 11, 2023 at 9:39 PM James Bachorz

<blhscurmudgeon@gmail.com> wrote:

It looks like Rudy is disowning his own web site work. He is circulating this on-line. I'm not sure we should be distributing his book flyer.

Jim



S. Robert Powell <srp18407@gmail.com>

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to James, Barb, Mike Bischak

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Jim and Barbara and Breezy:

Arrivederci Garbely! And don't let the door hit you in the behind as you make your exit!

Like a great many of the members of his generation, he does not understand that publications like the *Bridge Line Historical Society Bulletin* are the successes that they are because they contain a broad range of first-class content (text and photos--which attract a wide and diverse audience) that is presented in a first-class format by a first-class production team! What Garbely and most of the members of his generation don't understand is that "presentation style" alone will not carry the day.

Garbely's "up-to-date, modern, razzle-dazzle" all-electronic railroad publication (if it becomes a reality) will doubtless attract a large number of one-time viewers/subscribers, but will those viewers make any return visits to that site? Probably not.

Garbely's presentation on October 14 at Oneonta was difficult to endure. The fact that he did not stand up and look at those of us in the same room as he spoke was insulting and irritated me in the extreme. The fact that the content of his presentation was the material that was not included in his new book irritated me in the extreme. The fact that he did not talk about most of the images that he did present on the screen irritated me in the extreme? Most of us in the room at the time were, I'm sure, expecting him to talk about the content of his book (which I haven't yet bought and which I probably won't buy because of my poor opinion of its author). On several occasions, during his "presentation", I came very close to standing up and walking out of the room (with the intention of returning to the room only when the presentation was over)!

A good friend of mine, now deceased, used to say when confronted by mediocre nothings such as Garbely: "Calm down Robert, we all can't be geraniums!"

Best,

Robert

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11:17 AM

Dr. Powell,

I hope some of this gets into a future Bulletin.

Breezy

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to James Bachorz

November 12

Jim:

My previous email (about Garbely) IS NOT to be regarded as a "Letter to the Editor". I can't risk being shot in the back by a disgruntled rail fan / D&H book author.

Robert

Barbara Bachorz

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to SRP

I'm sorry I invited him to speak at our luncheon. If I had known what he/his friends were planning, I certainly would not have done that.

Maybe he won't renew his membership in the BLHS, or maybe we can refuse it if he does. But that's probably not possible or legal.

I agree with everything you said.

Take care

Barb
